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## LIFE STORY OF ROMANCE, TRAGEDY AND SELF-DENIAL UNFOLDED

*Death of Prominent Lawyer Clears Up Old Mystery—  
Wife of Dead Man Finds Woman Who Had Been  
Locked In Her Husband's Office for Years—"I  
Loved Him," Shouts Mystery Woman.*

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 23.—"A woman gives; gives always, and sacrifices all when she loves. And I am but a woman."

That is the answer of Miss Adelaide M. Brance to one of the most remarkable stories of illicit love, romance, self-denial and tragedy ever unfolded in the pages of life.

Two days ago Melvin H. Couch, former district attorney of Sullivan county, a lawyer of repute, respected by his townspeople and whose private life was believed beyond reproach, was found dead of heart failure in his office.

Mrs. Couch was summoned by telephone and arrived, grief-stricken and shaken. As she and the men who discovered the body stood silently contemplating the dead man, the sound of sobbing came from somewhere close by.

"That door," Mrs. Couch gasped. "That door. There is some room there; it has always been a mystery. My husband never would let me open it. Someone must be in there."